

INFORMATION ON THE HOMERULE MOVEMENT

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INTRODUCTION

The Homerule Movement is a concerted effort mounted by 300+ people to get more ethnic Hawaiians informed, involved, and interested in political activity that has a direct effect on the destiny of their homeland, the state of Hawaii. The approaches, techniques, and operations involved in acting as a catalyst for the Hawaiian community were never designed as a third political party in competition with the Democrats or the Republicans. From the very beginning Homerule was an expression of concern essentially among 15-20 young Hawaiian men who were already involved in different levels of political activity and who were alarmed at the lack of other ethnic Hawaiians in those same areas. Starting with this small nucleus of 15-20 concerned young men, the Movement spread out throughout Oahu rapidly during the spring of 1972 until it now encompasses 300+ members scattered throughout Oahu and neighboring islands.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Our goals and objectives are expressed in our platform which has been distributed widely. Copies of the platform are available at our office at 190 South King Street, Suite 1126, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813. The platform has been used as the guideline for our activity over the past year. However, the organization is now going through a major transition which may result in some significant changes in our platform. Therefore, the existing platform may not be relevant in the near future. We are planning a conference in two weeks which will result in a more definitive statement of our activities, actions, and intents.

COMMUNICATIONS - INTERNAL AND PUBLIC

Internal - Our newsletter, E Ho'omalalama, is published once a month and distributed to all members. We have also established a telephone tree that is utilized to supplement the newsletter by more personal contacts from our Board of Directors to the general membership in assigned geographical areas.

Public - We have deliberately set out to maintain a low profile in terms of the mass media. Our intent in this regard is to pick and choose those circumstances and conditions which will present the most positive impact on the general public. Therefore, we have been very selective in TV and newspaper coverages. We also have accepted invitations to speak with various organizations, classes at the UH colleges, and have conducted workshops where the general public was invited.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP PARTICIPATION

We have two meetings per month for our general membership, the first and third Tuesdays. There are two levels of decision-making involving the general membership, one is their attendance at meetings where decisions are being made, and the other through personal responses to surveys, questionnaires, and telephone contacts that are made with them. We operate on a general form of consensus rather than voting. The last time we voted was for the election of officers and that was approximately a year ago. General membership participates in committees through assignment or voluntary participation. They are informed about the issues of the organization again through our newsletter, telephone contacts, and attendance at meetings and workshops.

STRUCTURE

The structure of the Homerule Movement at this time follows the exact political structure that now exists in the Democrat and Republican parties, i. e., precinct level, representative districts, senatorial districts, City and County, and Statewide. At the present time, since the majority of our members are on Oahu, the Board of Directors is made up of people representing different geographical areas on the island.

CONSTITUENCY

Our members come from a wide spectrum of economic and social levels throughout Hawaii. They range from the unemployed and those on welfare to the extremely rich and affluent. The makeup of the most active members are middle-class or lower middle-class; in terms of intellectual composition, membership ranges from those who have had elementary grade education only to others who have achieved stature in the university and academic worlds. Our membership does not require any kind of socio-economic standing

prior to participation. We welcome all who are interested in aligning themselves with the goals and objectives we have set forth.

RESOURCES

Our resources come from membership dues, fund-raising projects, and donations from various individuals throughout the State. Our human resources are voluntary services performed by membership and others in the community who express particular interest in a particular activity of the organization. We do have a full-time person working at our office and receiving a nominal stipend for his services.

MAJOR METHODS OF FULFILLING GOALS

The major efforts mounted thus far are research, development and dissemination of political information which has a significant impact on critical issues affecting Hawaiians. In this effort, we have divided our membership into voluntary committees to investigate such areas as land, education, environment, economic development, and other critical issues affecting the State.

UNITED FRONT

We have affiliated ourselves with other Hawaiian activist groups such as The Hawaiians, ALOHA, Hui Malama o Koolau, Friends of Kamehameha, Congress of Hawaiian People, 'Ahahui 'Olelo Hawaii, and others. Of course, there are many members in our organization who are also members of other Hawaiian activist organizations and there is through this means a free flow of information coming from one organization to the other. There is available a chart showing how five Hawaiian organizations are related to each other and the chart is available upon request.

For further information, contact Fred Cachola at 845-6631 or Gard Kealoha at the Homerule Offices, phone 524-3749.

Please remember that the organizational structure and philosophical base of the Homerule Movement may undergo some significant changes as a result of a conference scheduled in two weeks.